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INCREASE IN CRIME RATE
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether as per the latest Report of the National Crime Records Bureau, the crime in big and metropolitan cities specially the crime against women in the country have been on the rise ;

(b) if so, the details in this regard crime-wise, State-wise ;

(c) the steps taken/proposed to the taken by the Government to curb the crimes against women in the country :

(d) whether there is an urgent need to tone up the administration of the Delhi police to bring down the crime rate in the capital ; and

(e) if so, the steps the Government propose to take in this direction ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

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(a)&(b): The National Crime Record Bureau`s publication entitled ` Crime in India 1998; inter alia, reveals the following:

(i) 61,80,996 cognizable crimes were reported in the country during 1998 as against 64,11,259 such crimes during the preceding year as per details given below:

YEAR	IPC	Spl. Laws	TOTAL
1997	17,19,820	46,91,439	64,11,259
1998	17,79,111	44,01,885	61,80,996

(ii) Cognizable cases relating to cities during 1998 were 2,66,599 under the IPC and 21,33,193 under the Special Laws.

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(iii) 1,31,338 cases of crime against women were reported in 1998 as against 1,221,265 such cases during 1997.

Crimewise & Statewise details are available in the said publication.

(c): `Public Order` and `Police` are state subjects as per Constitution of India and, as such, registration, investigation, detection and prevention of crime is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments. However, the Central Government has, from time to time, been writing to the State Governments stressing upon them the need to take preventive, punitive and rehabilitative measures in connection with crimes against women, children and other vulnerable sections of the society. The Central Government is also presently considering a proposal to provide death as one of the penalties for the offence of rape.

(d)&(e): Several measures have been taken by Delhi Police to bring down crime.These include, inter alia, preventive measures aimed at neutralising active criminals, initiation of security proceedings under section 107 Cr.PC, raids on suspected hideouts of criminals intensification of beat patrolling and surveillance, police presence at sensitive points, strengthening of intelligence network, co-ordination meetings with police officers of neighboring States and enlistment of public support, etc.